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# MIDWEST DISTRICT OFFICER BID PACKET

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Mali Glaister



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KAPPA KAPPA PSI

Xi Chapter – Colorado School of Mines

# MALI GLAISTER

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## EDUCATION

### **COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES, Golden, Colorado**

#### **Bachelor of Science: Mechanical Engineering**

- ❖ Biomedical Engineering Minor

May 2019

GPA: 3.75

#### **Master of Science: Mechanical Engineering**

- ❖ Biomechanics Emphasis

May 2020

### **UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, Leeds, United Kingdom**

- ❖ Coursework in Arduino and C+ for robotics and smartphone applications

July 2016

GPA: 4.0

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

### **KAPPA KAPPA PSI HONORARY BAND SERVICE FRATERNITY**

#### **President**

- ❖ Oversee meetings, service projects, fundraising projects, and outreach events
- ❖ Organize chapter schedule and calendar, submit national paperwork
- ❖ Organizes officer meetings and offers guidance to other officers when prompted
- ❖ Serves as representative for the chapter in the music program and on the national and district level

*April 2018-Present*

#### **Treasurer**

- ❖ Monitor and approve organization's budgets and spending
- ❖ Create and maintain fundraisers and Raffle License for band and chapter separately

*April 2017-April 2018*

#### **Historian and Webmaster**

- ❖ Document and promote events of the chapter and the Mines Music Program
- ❖ Engage with other chapters through social media

*April 2016-April 2017*

#### **Active Brother**

- ❖ Hosted Midwest District Convention (April 2016)
- ❖ Served as delegate at Midwest District Convention (April 2017)
- ❖ Introduced promoting band program at university preview days
- ❖ Traveled to chapters in Wyoming, Nebraska, and Missouri

*March 2016-Present*

### **MINES MUSIC PROGRAM**

#### **Color Guard Captain**

- ❖ Established first Mines Music Color Guard and Winter Guard
- ❖ Organizes rehearsals outside of regular band practices
- ❖ Writes work and drill for each field show
- ❖ Works with band director to purchase new equipment and uniforms

*Aug 2016-Present*

### **SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS**

#### **Networking Reception Director**

- ❖ Organize networking reception between recruiters, students, and faculty the evening before the Spring 2018 Career Fair

*April 2017-April 2018*

#### **Logistics Director**

- ❖ Order food for 200 members each week, setup and cleanup before and after meeting, Maintain attendance spreadsheet for all current and past members

*Jan 2017-April 2017*

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

Member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society

*Spring 2017 – Present*

Colorado School of Mines Dean's List

*Fall 2015- Fall 2018*

Mines Music Pep Band Scholarship

*Spring 2017*

Colorado School of Mines Presidential Scholarship

*Fall 2015- Fall 2018*

University of Leeds Santander Scholarship

*Summer 2016*

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **CENTER FOR GAIT AND MOVEMENT ANALYSIS, Children's Hospital Colorado**

#### **Biomechanical Engineering Intern**

*June 2018-Present*

- ❖ Develop functional proof of concept for new surgical device
- ❖ Presented work at Musculoskeletal Research Center summer research symposium
- ❖ Do weekly gait analyses on clinical patients

### **FUNCTIONAL BIOMECHANICS LABORATORY, Colorado School of Mines**

#### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

*June 2017-May 2018*

- ❖ Collect and analyze force, EMG, and motion capture data from transtibial amputees to compare walking prostheses to running prostheses
- ❖ Conduct independent protocols involving gait analysis for a patient who has undergone multiple ACL

### **OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER, Colorado School of Mines**

#### **Climbing Wall Manager (promoted from general Supervisor August 2017)**

*Aug 2016-Present*

- ❖ Supervise and create training program for staff of 20 students
- ❖ Lead organizer of bi-annual bouldering competition
- ❖ Teach new climbers how to belay and lead climb safely

# **MIDWEST DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER PLATFORM**

## **Abstract**

I believe I am qualified for the position of Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer because of my leadership, organization, communication, and problem-solving skills. I also have previous experience managing multiple multi-thousand-dollar accounts as Xi Chapter Treasurer. This included multiple fundraisers that raised over \$3,000 for the band. My leadership and communication skills stem from serving as Xi Chapter President this past year. These opportunities taught me about working with different types of people as well as the impact one organization can make. I want to continue to become more involved in Kappa Kappa Psi and believe serving as on the Midwest District Council can be beneficial to my personal growth and the growth of the district. For Secretary-Treasurer, I have three main goals: (1) to increase the transparency of district finances with the chapters, (2) to increase chapter collaboration and interaction through fundraisers, and (3) to increase the spread of fundraising ideas throughout the district. In completing all of these goals, I hope to help the district grow closer and continue to strive for the highest.

## **Background and Objectives**

My experience in my own chapter has provided me with skills that are beneficial for this position. I served as Historian, Treasurer, President, and briefly as Secretary during an awkward transition between Secretaries in the Xi Chapter. As Historian, I maintained archives and social media accounts. My goal was to get more involved with the chapter my first year as an active and I thought being the person that took pictures and posted them would be a good start. In the middle of my term as Historian, our Secretary quit and I became the acting Secretary until a new one was elected. I took chapter meeting minutes and headed Outreach Committee. These responsibilities were given to me unexpectedly so I had to adapt quickly. The experience taught me how to run a committee meeting as well as what was important to type when taking meeting minutes. The following year, I served as Treasurer and headed the first Finance Committee of the chapter. During these meetings, we brainstormed new fundraisers, but I also taught my committee how the chapter finances and accounts were organized and why. A primary responsibility was managing a state-issued raffle license. As part of this, I submitted quarterly reports detailing how and when we made and spent money. My chapter also partnered with Alpha Iota at CU Boulder to do a Rockies game fundraiser. This allowed us to work more games and therefore make more money for our chapters. Working a food stand at a baseball game for eight hours is a really good way to get to know brothers from other chapters while also helping both chapters. For my final term, I served as President. Here is where I learned the most. I learned what it meant to be a good leader and how important communication is. Organization was key in order to submit national paperwork on time as well as keep all other committees and officers on track. My next step in Kappa Kappa Psi is to serve on the District Council. I hope to contribute equally as much as I learn from serving on the council, with the hopes that I can complete the follow goals as Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer:

- 1) Increase transparency of district finances with the district chapters
- 2) Increase chapter collaboration and interaction through fundraisers
- 3) Increase the spread of fundraising ideas throughout the district

## **Methods**

I plan to utilize my background and skills in order to completed the above objectives. My experience as chapter Treasurer made me realize that being transparent with finances are crucial to a functioning chapter. Brothers prefer to know where money is coming from and, more importantly, where money is going. Our multiple accounts were confusing, but I always informed the chapter of when and how much was spent on what. This kept the communication open and brothers were comfortable knowing what was going on behind the scenes. To do this on a district level, I believe it would be a good idea to have a quarterly report or something similar that was emailed out to the district chapters. Even if no one read them, the information would be out there. Clear communication is key to build connections between the District Council and the chapters. I also hope the knowledge of the district finances sparks more of an interest in fundraisers on the district level.

Increasing interactions between the District Council and all the chapters is a step towards increasing chapter collaboration across the district. Organizing a fundraiser that stimulates healthy competition among chapters would help with that. Going beyond chapter vs chapter competition, it would be a bonus if chapters competed together such as by state or combing a smaller chapter with a larger chapter to equal out the competition. Something like “Penny Wars” at District Days or throughout the school year with District Days being check-in points could be initiated. The goal would be for this to be a fundraiser at the district level. However, it could also just be listing how much money each chapter fundraised to see which combination of chapters could fundraise the most in a school year.

Keeping with the theme of increasing interactions between the chapters, I think building a working document with all the different fundraisers chapters have done over the years. This will allow ideas to spread and help chapters get out of a rut of doing the same fundraisers year after year. It can be a quick list so that chapters will have to reach out and ask exactly how that fundraiser was conducted.

## **Results**

From this experience. I hope to help the district and myself grow. On the district level, I want chapters to become more involved with the district’s finances instead of it being “behind the scenes.” I believe it is hard to fundraise for something if you don’t know where it is going or why you are raising the money. With that, suggestions for how the money should be spent can also be taken into consideration. Having fundraisers that bring together chapters as well as make money would be beneficial to the chapter in multiple ways and not feel like a burden. I know there will be bumps in the road, but I think I have the skills to set a foundation for future Secretary-Treasurers to continue to have more fundraisers that require interaction between chapters. I could easily start documentation outlining the steps on how to organize the annual fundraising competition. Additionally, I hope to contribute just as a leader and Brother in Kappa Kappa Psi. I hope brothers from other chapters will be comfortable in approaching me with and fundraising or finance questions or just for guidance in general.

I see this as an excellent opportunity to meet more people across the country with similar interests. Over my time as an active brother, I have interacted more and more with other chapters and traveled from the east to the west side of the district. It’s so interesting to see what other chapters do since no two are quite the same. I’d like to take back what I learned from the district level and other chapters to the Xi Chapter so that I can continue to help them grow. I also wish to continue to set an example for my chapter about leadership and being involved in Kappa Kappa Psi as a whole, beyond our university band. I believe we set a good foundation at our school and are in a position to continue to expand our influence and involvement and I hope this is a good step in that direction.

## **Conclusion**

I am extremely excited to be running for Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer. Serving on the Midwest District Council has always been a thought in my mind, but I wanted to wait until I did not have a chapter officer position. I believe I have the skills and experiences to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the District Constitution as well as add more to the position. I hope to contribute all I can to this organization and the district.



March 18, 2019

Brothers of the Midwest District Kappa Kappa Psi,

It is with great pleasure that the Director of Bands and Sponsors of the Xi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi recommend Ms. Mali Glaister for service on the 2019-2020 Midwest District Council. We have work alongside Mali since her initiation in 2016 and can truly say that she is one of the Chapter's best leaders. We have no doubt that Mali would thrive in any leadership role that the MWD selects her to serve in.

Shortly after Mali's initiation into the chapter she was elected to Chapter Historian and has been on the Officer Corp of the Xi Chapter since that time serving as Chapter Treasurer and President. In her most recent role of Chapter President she has continued on the success of the Chapter Presidents before her while bringing some much-needed stability to our operations. We can say without doubt that Mali is a huge reason why Xi was recently nominated as a Chapter Leadership Finalist. During her tenure as a Brother she has also explored outside our home chapter and has been one of the Chapters most dedicated travelers and is responsible for that culture which is slowly growing in our Chapter. While we can go on about her organization skills and her technical achievements, one of Mali's defining features as a Leader is how much she genuinely cares about her Brothers.

Mali's talent for leadership expands beyond Kappa Kappa Psi and the Band at Mines. After talking with Mali for two minutes, you will learn that she is very passionate about the outdoors and exploring the wild mountains of Colorado. From these experiences it is clear that Mali has developed the necessary skillset to work with people of diverse backgrounds.

Once again, it is with great pleasure that we recommend Mali Glaister for service on the MWD Council. She is an exemplary Brother, Musician, and Leader. It has been our pleasure to work alongside her the past couple years and we hope that the Midwest District as a whole can benefit from her talents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Klimek, Ed.D  
Director of Bands  
Colorado School of Mines

Megan Jewell  
Xi Chapter Sponsor

Nicholas A. Rorrer, Ph.D.  
Xi Chapter Sponsor  
Alumni Association Board of  
Directors



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To the Brothers of the Midwest District:

The Xi Chapter earnestly recommends Mali Glaister for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Midwest District during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Over the past three years, Mali has served as our chapter's historian, treasurer, and most recently, president. In these positions, she has proven herself to be a dependable brother, an organized leader, and most importantly, a caring friend. Her leadership is shown in her ability to ignite passion within the chapter to understand the meaning of Kappa Kappa Psi beyond the surface level of the music we perform. Her previous band experience has taught her to accept nothing less than to give her best in all the music she plays and she has been able to bring that mindset and attitude with her to the Mines band program. It is inspiring to watch the personal sacrifices Mali has made during her engineering studies to lead the color guard, play in various ensembles, and plan and organize both officer and chapter events. She has drastically improved our color guard program and started our winter guard program upon her own volition.

Mali is the ideal candidate for Midwest District Secretary/Treasurer. She has always loved attending district events, and making connections with brothers from other chapters. The organizational skills that she has developed during her schooling will ensure that everything the district is up to is recorded and communicated with chapter members. Her term as our chapter treasurer was phenomenal. She was in charge of managing our complex financial portfolio, and did so with grace. Her responsibilities included the creation of budgets, tracking of expenditures for both our chapter and raffle accounts and managing our filings with the State of Colorado for our raffle license.

During her time at Mines, Mali has proved herself a dependable brother, excellent leader, and exceptional treasurer. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty time and time again. We believe she would be the perfect candidate for Midwest District Secretary/Treasurer and recommend her for this position without reservation.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Xi Chapter:

Ryan Jackson, Vice President of Service

Jacob Conrad, Vice President of Membership

Shelby Palisoul, Treasurer

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